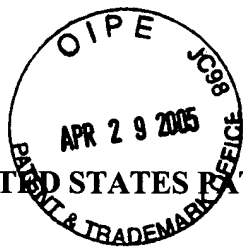


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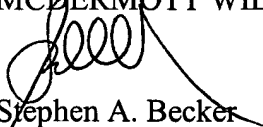
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Sir:

The above-identified application was filed on May 2, 2001. Since almost four years have elapsed since that date, and no action has been received by attorney for applicant, Applicant respectfully requests that the undersigned attorney be informed of the status of the referenced application. It is noted that the Official Gazette indicates applications filed on or before February 26, 2002 in the above-assigned group art unit should have received an action on the merits.

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